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## INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

REPORT

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SUBJECT Zilina Airfield

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1. Location: The airfield is located southeast of Zilina.

2. Boundaries:

Eastern: the road from Brezovy Dvor to Rosina;

Northeastern: a wooded hillside sloping down to the road leading to Zilina and to the Vah river;

Western: the airfield passes into fields;

Southern: the Chrast forest.

3. Description of the airfield: The airfield is about 1,000 m. long and 500 m. wide. A grassy runway runs from north to south. Boundaries are marked all around the airfield. In the southeastern extremity of the airfield is a reinforced concrete hangar, 60 x 30 m., which was built by the Czechoslovak Airlines. The use of the airfield is limited by Duben hill north of the field.

4. Aircraft:

a. 10 to 15 aircraft for sport flying and 20 gliders of various types which belong to the Zilina Regional Aero Club;

b. One Aero 45, used as aero-taxi, which belongs to the Czech Airlines.

5. Use of the airfield: The airfield is used by the Czechoslovak Airlines for their aero-taxi service and by the Zilina Regional Aero Club for sport flying.

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6. Meteorological station: There is a military meteorological station on the airfield manned by 3 or 4 men and equipped with a radio transmitter.

7. Miscellaneous:

a. The Czechoslovak Airlines have a powerful radio station at the airfield for contact with other airfields. There is a telephone service as well. At least three operators are permanently on duty.

b. A concrete road connects the airfield with the highway.

c. The airfield is guarded by civilian guards.

d. The workshops are located in the southern part of the hangar. The two radio stations are located there as well.

e. The airfield is also suitable for Dakota aircraft, which used to land there regularly on an airline route.

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